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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN ADDRESSES NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE

DELEGATION AND SPECIAL CONVOCATION OF JORDANIAN NOTABLES

1. SUMMARY. IN REMARKS DELIVERED TO VISITING DELEGATION OF NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, KING HUSSEIN CONTINUED THEMES HE HAS STRESSED IN RECENT WEEKS: ISRAEL'S ATTEMPTS TO JUDAIZE JERUSALEM BY NEW CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSFER OF POPULARION HAVE INCREASED; PEACE CAN COME ONLY THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RES 242 AND 338; ISRAEL HAS LOST MANY CHANCES FOR PEACE; PALESTINIANS MUST HAVE THEIR RIGHTS RESTORED; U.S. MUST CONVINCE ISRAEL TO FORSAKE INTRANSIGENCE. SIMILAR TOPICS DEVELOPED BEFORE SPECIAL SESSION OF JORDANIAN NOTABLES CONVENED FOR LAST AUDIENCE WITH KING BEFORELATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR FRANCE AND U.S. UNPUBLISHED REMARKS CONCERNED

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THREAT OF WAR, NEED TO OBTAIN DEFENSE WEAPONS WHEREVER

AVAILABLE AND FEAR THAT MAJOR THREAT TO JORDAN IS FROM ISRAEL. END SUMMARY.

2. NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE DEL CURRENTLY VISITING JORDAN RECEIVED TOUR D'HORIZON FROM KING HUSSEIN APRIL 24. WHILE LITTLE NEW APPEARED, KING'S REMARKS (FBIS JN240916) GIVE INDICATION OF CONTINUING CONCERNS ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR FRANCE AND U.S.

(A) JUDAIZATION OF JERUSALEM AND WEST BANK. NO PEACE POSSIBLE WHILE ISRAEL OCCUPIES WEST BANK. LIMIT MUST BE PUT ON ISRAEL'S ATTEMPTS TO ALTER FACE OF JERUSALEM BY CONSTRUCTION AND EXPLUSION OF ARAB POPULATION TO SETTLE JEWISH IMMIGRANTS. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS MUST CEASE. ALL THESE FACTS INDICATE ISRAEL AIMING FOR AGGRESSION, NOT PEACE.

(B) OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE. SC RES 242 AND 338; PARTICULARLY 242, MUST BE IMPLEMENTED. ISRAEL HAS LOST MANY CHANCES TO BRING ABOUT JUST PEACE (NO FURTHER ELABORATION). PEACE REQUIRES FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN ARABS OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS.

(C) AMERICAN ROLE. U.S. HAS DONE MUCH FOR PEACE IN PAST; HER EFFORTS MUST CONTINUE. KING SAID HE HOPES THAT U.S. CAN CONVINCE ISRAEL TO FORSAKE INTRANSIGENCE.

3. IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS, KING COMMENTED THAT ALL PROBLEMS WHICH EXISTED IN PAST BETWEEN IRAN AND ARAB STATES HAVE DISAPPEARED. ARAB STATES WANT ONLY COOPERATION WITH IRAN.

4. KING DEVELOPED SIMILAR THEMES BEFORE SPECIAL SESSION OF JORDANIAN NOTABLES CONVENED SAME AFTERNOON. IN ADDITION, CALLED FOR ARAB SOLIDARITY IN ORDER TO RESTORE ARAB SUPREMACY OVER EAST JERUSALEM.

5. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE PUBLISHED REMARKS KING NOTED FOR NWC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMMINENCE OF WAR WAS SERIOUS PREOCCUPATION, THAT HE WOULD GET WEAPONS FOR (AIR) DEFENSE FROM WHEREVER THEY COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AND THAT THREAT TO JORDAN CAME FROM WESTERN DIRECTION AND THAT ISRAEL BLITZKRIEG OF SYRIA BY PINCER MOVEMENT THROUGH LEBANON AND JORDAN WAS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE.
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